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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6265

BILL NUMBER: SB 180

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 18, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 14, 2013

SUBJECT: Higher Education Grading Practices and Faculty Organization.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Commission for Higher Education (Commission) to compile information from each campus of each state educational institution concerning faculty organizational structure and grading practices for the campus. It requires the information to be made available to the public. The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education to make an annual report to the General Assembly of certain information concerning each state educational institution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education, in collaboration with each state educational institution's institutional research or strategic planning department, to develop a report that includes:

1. Faculty activities related to the mission of the state educational institution, including teaching, course grading practices, research, scholarship, outreach, and professional services.
2. Average and median faculty salaries.
3. Median grade point average for all students for the fall and spring semesters.
4. Median grade point averages for all graduating seniors.
5. Other information the Commission considers necessary.

The information must include undergraduate student information and faculty data by academic department, college, or university.

The Commission and state educational institutions could incur some additional expenses related to collecting and compiling the required information, but the cost is probably minor. The additional costs would probably be a one-time cost for computer programming to extract the data in the format required by the Commission.

Any additional expenses incurred by the Commission or state educational institutions would be paid from their current revenue streams.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education; state educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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